Participial Phrase Practice

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Directions: At the slash mark, add a participial phrase. The first few words are provided and the number of words omitted from the original is noted in brackets after the slash mark. Approximate that number.

5. With the core of the reel showing, his heart feeling stopped with excitement, leaning / [10], Nick thumbed the real hard with his left hand. –Ernest Hemingway, “Big Two-Hearted River”

**\* Note: for this sentence, add in a participle that starts with the word “leaning” and has TEN words in it.**

Your expansion:

6. Mrs. Carpenter was putting sun-tan oil on Sybil’s shoulders, spreading/ [10]. ---J.D. Salinger, *Nine Stories.*

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7. Soon the men began to gather, surveying / [3], speaking / [7].

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8. The *Carpathia* ship’s passagengers pitched in gallantly to help the survivors of the *Titantic*, providing / [2], lending /[1] sewing / [13].

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